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A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Registration now open for MOSL winter institute

Registration for the 2006 Winter Institute is now open on the [Missouri State Library Web site](#). This year the State Library will offer one session of basic library skills, two advanced library skills sessions, and two evening elective workshops. The institute is scheduled for February 7-10, 2006, at the Quality Inn in Columbia, Missouri.

The basic course will provide a four-day overview of libraries and library services and is targeted to those who are attending the institute for the first time. The course also includes a choice of two Internet training sessions at MOREnet.

"Library Services for Older Adults," one of the advanced skills courses, will focus on the library's role in providing services to adults, ages 60 and older. Participants will explore programming and outreach for the diverse senior population, specifically addressing marketing, collection development, and technology training. The instructor will be Allan M. Kleiman, nationally renowned library trainer and head of the reference department for Westfield Memorial Library, Westfield, New Jersey. He is also the chair of the RUSA/RSS Library Service to an Aging Population Committee for ALA.

"Reference Services," the other advanced skills course, will focus on understanding the reference process, collecting and evaluating reference sources, creating an effective reference policy, providing reference services in the information age, and mastering the reference interview. The instructor will be Belinda Boon, independent library trainer/consultant, from Austin, Texas. Boon has 11 years of experience training public and school library staff.

Both evening workshops will be held Tuesday, February 7. Karen Hayden, director of the Little Dixie Regional Library, will host "Small Libraries Seminar." Diana Very, State Library LSTA Grants Officer, will host "Grantsmanship." These two workshops are not a required part of either skills course, but registration is necessary.

Complete institute details can be found on the Winter Institute Web page, www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/winterinstitute2006 or by contacting Brenda Sites at 800-325-0131, ext. 13, or brenda.sites@sos.mo.gov.

Reception for retiring state librarian on December 21

Please join the Secretary of State's Office in celebrating the achievements of retiring State Librarian Sara Parker. The office will hold a reception for Parker on Wednesday, December 21, in Secretary of State Conference Room on the third floor of the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center. The event is scheduled from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and no RSVP is necessary. The James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center is located at 600 West Main, Jefferson City.

Missouri stands out on new national literacy assessment

Missouri adults score significantly higher than adults in the rest of the country on nearly every measure of literacy included in a wide-ranging national study released Thursday. The study is the first in more than a decade to evaluate the skills and functional knowledge of American adults, ages 16 to 65 and over, who are not in school.

The [National Assessment of Adult Literacy \(NAAL\)](#) was released by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), a part of the U.S. Department of Education. At the same time, state education officials announced the findings of a parallel study that focused only on Missouri.

Missouri is one of only six states that took part in a state-level study in conjunction with the national literacy assessment. About 1,000 Missouri adults were interviewed during 2003 and early 2004. The study was conducted for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Highlights of the findings include:

- The average literacy level of Missouri adults was significantly higher than the national average in all three areas measured. The portion of Missouri adults who ranked in the lowest skill category (“below basic”) also was significantly lower than the national average.
- The average literacy level of African-American adults in Missouri was significantly higher than the national average.
- The average literacy level of women in Missouri was significantly higher than the national average.

Officials at DESE find the report encouraging, and say it will help them evaluate trends and the need for adult education services in the state. The national report is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/naal/>, and additional Missouri information is available at <http://dese.mo.gov/>.

IMLS honors innovative libraries through national award

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is currently accepting nominations for the 2006 National Awards for Museum and Library Service. The awards were created to underscore the vital role of museums and libraries as leaders in society. They recognize museums and libraries that demonstrate a core commitment to public service through innovative programs and active partnerships that address the changing needs of the communities they serve. This national recognition honors institutions that have created real value in their communities and have become indispensable partners in community investment. Read about the 2005 award winners at www.imls.gov/whatsnew/current/113005.htm.

The National Award for Museum and Library Service is the nation’s highest honor for the extraordinary public service provided by these institutions. An award ceremony will be held in Washington, D.C. for the winning institutions, followed by celebrations in each recipient’s own community. In addition, each institution receives \$10,000.

Any individual may submit a nomination for libraries and museums of all sizes and types. To be considered, nominees must submit all required information by February 15, 2006. For a nomination form and to learn more about the awards, go to www.imls.gov/grants/museum/mus_nams.asp for museums, and www.imls.gov/grants/library/lib_nals.htm for libraries.

ALA to launch national certification program

The American Library Association–Allied Professional Association is launching a certification program for public librarians in 2006. Currently, ALA-APA is seeking educators to provide courses for candidates to fulfill for the Certified Public Library Administrator (CPLA) designation. This certification, the first of its kind to be offered in the United States, is a course and evaluation-based national, portable program especially for public librarians who have had at least three years of supervisory experience. The program incorporates nine standards that will allow candidates to demonstrate mastery of the breadth of skills necessary for library and human resource management.

The deadline for educators to submit course proposals is open, but ALA-APA will begin reviewing proposals at the ALA Midwinter meeting, January 20-25, 2006. Additional details are available at <http://ala-apa.org/certification/cplarfp.html>.

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